

## Women Writing and Marching into History



### Hartford's L.I.T. Receives Grant To Continue Bringing Writing Workshops to Community

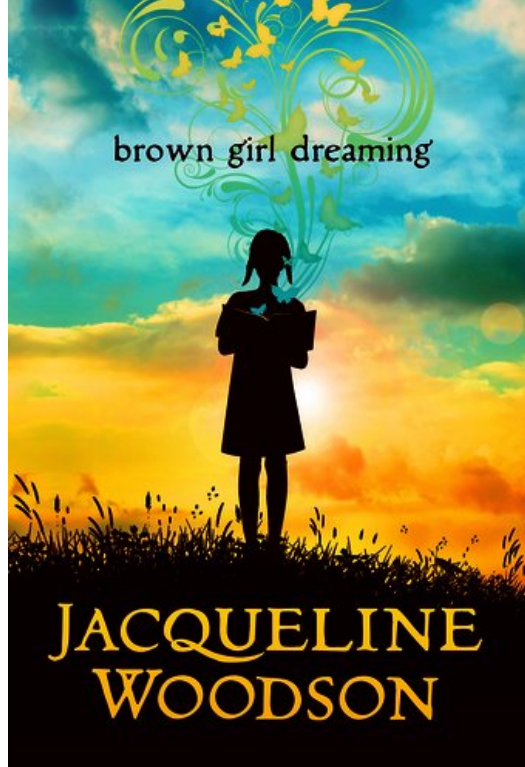
Hartford Public Library, in partnership with Hartford's L.I.T., and Every Kinda Lady Co., received a \$25,000 grant from the Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation to fund a Literary Art Wellness Retreat and other literary programming as part of a new project to support women in the Greater Hartford area in writing and publishing their own narratives.

Workshops for adults and teens will be held throughout the winter and spring of 2023, as well as a weekend writing retreat and a two-day conference that will invite publishers, literary agents and guest speakers and include a keynote author.

Learn more about this fantastic opportunity [HERE](#)

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**Celebrating Black History Month**



brown girl dreaming

JACQUELINE  
WOODSON

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Jacqueline Woodson

National Book Award & Newbery Honor  
winner

Vividly beautiful poems that are a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world.

"This is a book full of poems that cry out to be learned by heart. These are poems that will, for years to come, be stored in our bloodstream."—*The New York Times Book Review*

"A profoundly moving memoir."—*San Francisco Chronicle*



HALSEY  
STREET

NAIMA COSTER

[Halsey Street](#)

Naima Coster

Kirkus Prize Finalist for Fiction

Shifting between the perspectives of two women, this is a beautiful story of love, loss, and our need to belong.

"A quiet gut-punch of a debut... Absorbing and alive, the kind of novel that swallows you whole." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"A meditation on family, love, gentrification, and home." —*The Millions*

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## Finding Your Roots



**HARTFORD  
HISTORY  
CENTER**  
Hartford Public Library

 **ancestry**<sup>®</sup>

Interested to learn about your ancestors and how to create a family tree?  
Hartford Public Library provides **FREE** access to Ancestry.com!

Hartford History Center staff will be available to teach you how to access  
Ancestry.com and navigate the database to get the most information.

**Camp Field Branch Library**  
30 Campfield Avenue  
Friday, March 3rd  
11am – 12 pm

**Albany Branch Library**  
1250 Albany Avenue  
Thursday, March 9th  
11am. – 12 pm

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Live Music this Sunday



## Mixed Company

One you won't want to miss. Experience an incredibly talented group of Hartford musicians. Mixed Company is comprised of pianist Michael Carabello, Conway Campbell on bass, Akin Hobson on drums, and Taylor McCoy on vocals.

**Sunday, March 5th, 3:00 pm**  
Center Church  
675 Main Street

*Seating is first come, first seated, starting at 2 pm each Sunday. No registration is required. Concerts will continue to be streamed on HPL's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). Learn more [HERE](#).*

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## Discover Your Family History

The background of the top section is a collage of historical documents, including maps and old photographs, with a torn paper effect. On the right side, there is a portrait of Sandra Taitt-Eddy, a Black woman with dark hair, wearing a blue top, smiling. The text is overlaid on the collage.

# TRACING AFRICAN AMERICAN & WEST INDIAN ANCESTORS

with genealogist  
Sandra Taitt-Eddy

**HARTFORD  
HISTORY  
CENTER**  
Hartford Public Library

Learn the steps to genealogical research and explore online historical collections for clues and evidence relating to your family history with genealogist Sandra Taitt-Eddy.

Sandra Taitt-Eddy is on a mission to help others experience the joys of family history research and, in her words, to “give voice to our ancestors who were neglected in the annals of history.”

**Saturday, March 11th**

Albany Branch  
1250 Albany Ave

11am-1pm

Register [HERE](#)

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Kawaii Crafts



Tiny, adorable, even cuddly: Kawaii, born in Japan, is the culture of cuteness, and its influence is seen worldwide in clothing, accessories, games, and food.

**Wednesday, March 1st**

3:30 - 5:30 pm

South Church

277 Main Street, entrance at back of church

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**Thursday, March 2nd**

2:00 - 3:00 pm

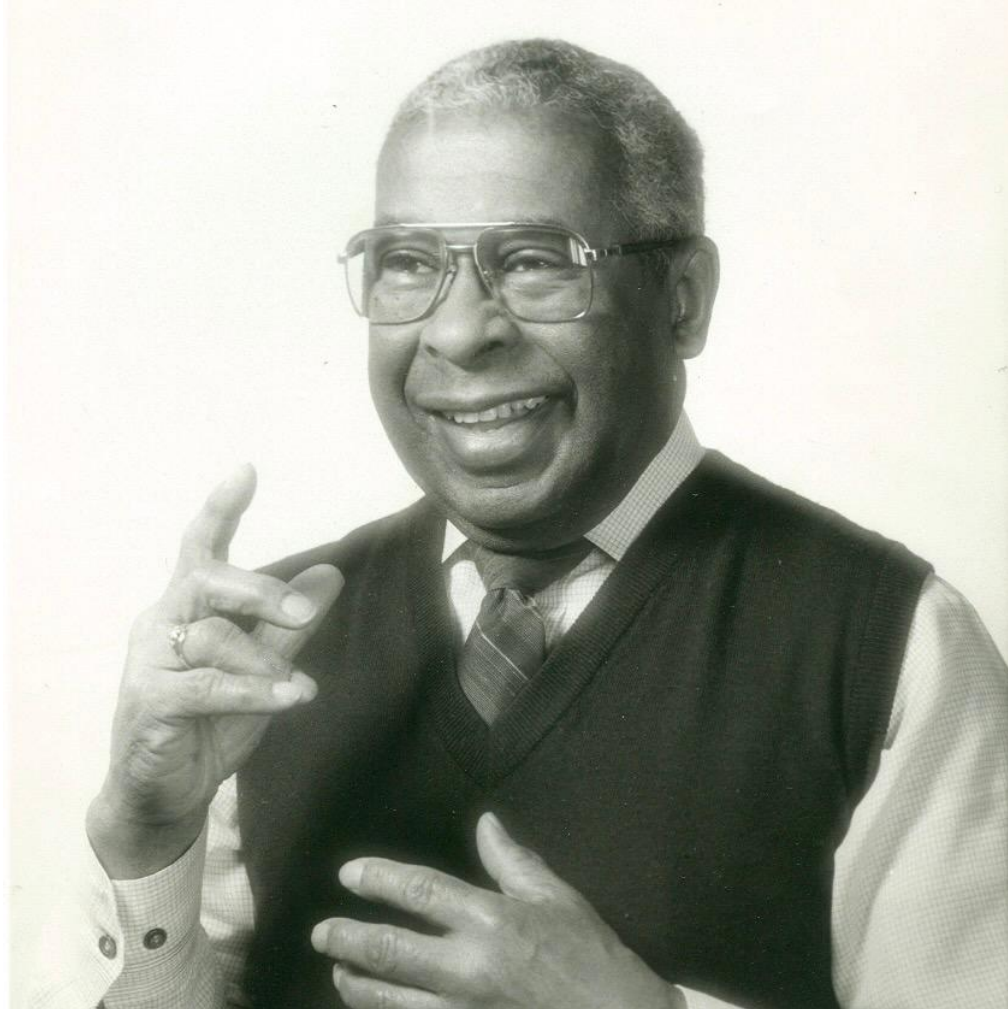
Camp Field Branch

30 Campfield Avenue

Make Kawaii crafts and sample some Japanese treats

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Thank You Dr. Spencer Shaw, Hartford Changemaker.



We're proud to play a part in helping to launch Hartford Black Heroes Trail celebrating Black History Month. The installation along Main Street highlights 19 impactful heroes who made history locally and nationally, and is an extension of the Hartford History Center's Changemakers series. The Library's Dr. Shaw is one of the 19 Black Heroes on the trail.

Born in Hartford in 1917, Dr. Shaw was among the first African American librarians to integrate the professional ranks of the Hartford Public Library. He served as Branch Manager of the Upper Albany Branch of the Hartford Public Library from 1941-1949 becoming the first African American librarian to ever be hired by the library system.

More information about the heroes honored and interactive map of the trail [HERE](#)

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Hartford Stage tickets just for you

# The Art of Burning

“Even when they’re calm,  
there’s always something underneath.”



## The Art of Burning

An inspired new comedy exploring the love, rage and responsibility that go with marriage and parenting in America.

You can pick up free passes at your favorite branch or reserve them online [HERE](#) beginning February 23rd.

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We're Hiring!



# JOIN OUR TEAM!



We've got lots of openings in various departments. Join a fun (check out all the jazz hands!) and talented group of colleagues making a difference in Hartford!

Opportunities are listed [HERE](#)

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## Free Covid Vaccinations and Health Screenings



No appointment necessary!

Thursday, March 2nd - 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Ages 12 and up

Albany Branch

1250 Albany Avenue

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“Even the silence  
has a story to tell you.  
Just listen. Listen.”

— Jacqueline Woodson, *Brown Girl Dreaming*

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& Renew Initiative

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